

Substance Abuse Services Division  
Alabama Department of Mental Health/Mental Retardation

Conference Call #38 Summary  
October 26, 2007  
10:00 AM

1. Introductions
  - a. Approximately 40-45 callers participated
2. ASAIS Update
  - a. Version 5.8 – Newest Release
    - i. Is being pushed into production as we speak, will be available to pilot sites on Monday
    - ii. Was pushed to the training environment already, and we are continuing to complete the set-up and validation for training beginning Monday
  - b. Clinical Electronic Data Interface (EDI)
    - i. Final specification for assessment and discharge, with sample files were released on 10/12
    - ii. Final specification for screening will be released today
  - c. Internal training almost complete
    - i. The majority of SASD staff were trained this week on ASAIS and are looking forward to the upcoming implementation
3. Upcoming
  - a. What goes live with ASAIS?
    - i. The processes you do now for SUDS and CDR move to ASAIS – Client Profile, Supplemental Assessment and Discharge Data, Enrollments, and Activities/Claims
    - ii. Prevention Enrollments (which are already being done on paper)
    - iii. Submission of Medicaid Claims that were sent to EDS in the past will now be submitted to ASAIS
    - iv. The screening for each new client (which most providers do already), including the brief screening tools (CRAFT and UNCOPE)
    - v. The statewide wait list and its management at each provider
    - vi. Prevention Groups (where and what services are being provided)
  - b. What is **not** going live along with ASAIS?
    - i. New Service Array
    - ii. New Standards
    - iii. Standardized Assessment Tool

- c. Reinitiate Full Pilot Site Testing
    - i. The pilot sites will begin performing all functions, including referrals out on the wait list and claims on Monday
  - d. Broader Testing with Interested Providers
    - i. The Commissioner has invited any interested parties to attend training next week or the week following and to assist us with the testing process.
    - ii. Final determination of go live dates will be made prior to November 9th
4. Discussion (Questions were offered by representatives from Riverbend MHC, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment, Indian Rivers MHC, and others)
- a. Do you have a definitive date?
    - i. No date has been set, but we are still hopeful to begin before the end of the year. All CDR/SUDS submissions, as well as interim data collection, will continue at least through the November reporting period.
  - b. Is the summary of the call going out today?
    - i. Yes
  - c. Will there be another data conversion?
    - i. No, all existing clients as of October services will have ASAIS IDs and be in the system by the end of November. Clients served in November will be entered as your submissions of November services come in.
  - d. Is there a new training manual?
    - i. The training manual has been updated and a new version will be distributed at the training.
  - e. When can we sign-up?
    - i. You must sign-up prior to the session for which you want to register, as space is limited.
  - f. Can you sign up for any site?
    - i. Yes, we are not restricting providers to a site close to them. If you are willing to travel, you are welcome to attend.
  - g. Is the wait list going to go live with the rest of the system?
    - i. Yes, we anticipate the pieces identified above to all go live at the same time.
  - h. Can we still send all the users we asked for in January?
    - i. Yes, though you will be limited to those users, for now.
  - i. Can we put a date by the item on the website so we know what's new?
    - i. I will follow-up with our website maintenance people to see about getting dates added to the items that are added to the site.

- j. Do you have a general idea of field lengths for the data that will be assigned by ASAIS, such as Client ID, Worker ID and Provider ID? This will help me to configure the corresponding data in our internal system.
  - i. Right now the ASAIS ID's are running 6 digits, but several years down the road they will go to seven. Worker ID's are currently 3, but will go to four in the next few years. Provider ID is 3 and won't change.
- k. Are we suppose to only send one at a time or can we send multiply entries in the same document?
  - i. You can send multiple records in the same file.
- l. HIV Early Intervention – does this mean that they were given the opportunity to see and talk to an HIV specialist?
  - i. What it's asking is whether the client is receiving services that will be billable under "HIV services" in the contract...case management, group counseling, etc.

5. Announcements